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DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES TO REGULATION (EC) NO 1049/2001

Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2019/5050

Dear [Name],

I refer to your letter of 20 September 2019, registered on 23 September 2019, in which you submitted a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’).

1. Scope of Your Request

In your initial application of 29 August 2019, addressed to the Secretariat-General of the European Commission, you requested access to ‘all reactions of European Member States to the consultation process on the Europe 2020 Strategy (24.11.2009 15.01.2010) in the form of opinions, position papers or other reactions’ (hereafter: ‘requested documents’).

In its initial reply of 20 September 2019, the Secretariat-General referred to its reply of 2 July 2019 to your earlier email dated 24 July 2019 and confirmed that, in addition to the ‘overview of the replies from the Member States to the public consultation on the Europe 2020 Strategy, which was launched on 24 November 2009 and closed on 15 January 2010, and during which the Commission received around 1400 contributions’, which had been provided to you, the European Commission did not hold any further documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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In your confirmatory application, you request a review of this position. You argue that ‘[t]hese documents have considerable historical value and are extremely important for the reconstruction of the position formation processes’.

2. **Assessment and Conclusions under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001**

When assessing a confirmatory application for access to documents submitted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the Secretariat-General conducts a fresh review of the reply given at the initial stage. In this framework, the Secretariat-General verified whether the requested documents could be recovered from various locations.

Following this review, I can inform you that 29 documents submitted by 27 Member States (listed in Annex 1) entering within the scope of your initial access to document application can be fully accessed via the following link:


As this website is currently facing technical problems, these documents are attached to the present confirmatory decision (in PDF version to the decision’s electronic format and in paper version to its printed format).

3. **Means of Redress**

Finally, I draw your attention to the means of redress available against this decision. You may either bring proceedings before the General Court or file a complaint with the European Ombudsman under the conditions specified respectively in Articles 263 and 228 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Yours sincerely,

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*For the Commission*

Enclosures: 30 (29 enclosures and a list of the enclosures)